

BRANCH 1357 Benalmádena Costa

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at The Galaxy Bar, Avda. Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel at 20:00 on Wednesday 14th July 2004

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Members

Dorothy Allen Vice President
Doug Heron Chairman
Steve Mullis Vice Chairman
Reg Haywood Secretary
Derek Brown Welfare Officer
Iris Dober Welfare Officer

Associate Members

Marlene Elliott Social Events Coordinator
Sandra Martin Publicity Officer
Julie Mullis

1. **Apologies were received from:** - Catherine Heritage, Bill Dixon, Tony Hansford
2. **The minutes from the last meeting were read, signed and accepted, as were the minutes for the meeting of May 05 2004, which had been referred back to the secretary for amendment.**
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** -

No matters arising.

4. Treasurers Report: -

Balance at 2nd June 2004	4383.41€
Money to Bank in from 03/06/04-15/07/04	96.00€ Branch Subscriptions 39.29 Membership Renewals 54.00 Membership Subscriptions 25.00 Social Income 36.24 Wings Appeal
Total Banking from 03/06/04-15/07/04	250.53€
Outgoings from 03/06/04 – 15/07/04	22.96€ Membership Renewals to CHQ 31.87€ Membership Subscriptions o CHQ 1.20€ Transfer to Branch Overseas Account 18.43€ RAFA Conference travelling expenses 21.42€ Welfare Expenses 16.80€ Stationery 9.00€ Photocopying 7.16€ Bank Charges 1.20€ Bank charge (cheque presentation)
Total Outgoings from 03/06/04 – 15/07/04	130.04€
Balance at 15th July 2004	4503.90€

5. Welfare Officers Report: -

Derek Brown reported on the flowing cases: -

- 5.1 Case N (Widow in Torreblanca). Case closed following death of applicant.
- 5.2 Case O (Widow in Nueva Andalucia). Case closed following applicants repatriation to UK.
- 5.3 Case A (elderly couple living in Arroyo de la Miel) Derek and David Carlton have had telephone conversations with this couple, concerning wife's continuing medical problems. Awaiting feedback following a visit to their local doctor.

- 5.4 Case P (Widow in Competa) David Carlton has dealt with this case and has arranged a bridging loan pending her eligibility for a pension.

Steve Mullis also reported on two cases he dealt with.

- 5.5 Case 1. Lady who had phoned Steve and Catherine phoned again and was put in contact via a local radio station with person who dealt with domestic abuse. Awaiting come back from counsellor.
- 5.6 Case 2. Ex RAF member phoned requiring the Samaritans. Found Spanish equivalent plus also put him in contact Howard King, pastor of the Christian Fellowship, also gave him contact details of Branch Welfare Officer. He made contact with Howard and after a long talk phoned Steve back & thanked for help. Hopefully no further action will be required.

6. Wings Appeal Report: -

- 6.1 Since the repair to the Povey Trophy Aeroplane has not been made, Steve Mullis proposed the Branch purchase a proper trophy and that it is presented to the Galaxy Bar as soon as possible. This was agreed by the Committee, and Reg Haywood agreed to expedite the issue.
- 6.2 Steve Mullis was pleased to report that Frankie Joyce, (Country & Western Singer), has been booked for Wings Week Social on 9th Sept at a cost of 90€.
- 6.3 Mike Durrant has offered to collect Wings Money from the local establishments in the Arroyo area. With Fred Briggs covering the Alhaurin el Grande area this helps relieve the pressure on Steve Mullis. Steve Mullis is currently taking names for the coverage of the airport during Wings Week (11th-19th Sept) and would strongly suggest that all members get in contact with him ASAP to get the slots they would prefer rather than those that are left.

7. Social Events Report: -

- 7.1 All future social events are advertised in the monthly Newsletter.
- 7.2 Steve Mullis reported that he is awaiting delivery of the Annual Draw tickets from England, the total cost of which will not be known until the P & P is worked out.
- 7.3 Steve Mullis reported that the tickets for the Annual Dinner Dance will be delivered to Marlene (Social Events Coordinator) by the next Committee meeting, along with all the relevant paperwork for individual sellers.
- 7.4 The British Consul and his wife have been invited and accepted provisionally, and will be sent an official invitation in the next couple of days.
- 7.5 Julie Tomersoro has been booked to work with Ian Jacks on the night of the meal at a cost of 100€. Remember we get Ian Jacks at no charge.

8. Any Other Reports: -

- 8.1 Merger of 1642 and 1357 Branches

With reference to the merger of 1342 & 1357, this is now officially complete and Steve Mullis will be in contact with their treasurer to facilitate the transfer of monies held in their account. He is also awaiting the return of a letter from their Chairman, David Carlton, authorising the transfer of funds held in their Branch Overseas Account at CHQ, some £750.98p. This money will be transferred to 1357 Overseas Account and he suggested that the Committee put their thinking caps on as to what cause we could put it to in their name. This money cannot be transferred out to Spain. Following a lively discussion on this issue, it was agreed that Steve Mullis would contact Steve Martin (European Area Director) to solicit his advice on how best this money could be used

Steve also reported that two members from 1342 Costa del Sol Branch had transferred to 1357. He expected possibly another 3 or 4 members to also transfer.

- 8.2 Membership
Following last month's letter to possible lapsed 21 members, phone calls have been received from 2 full members and 2 Associate members informing Steve Mullis that the money is on its way. Hopefully they will not be the last. One cheque was received today.
All members are reminded that life membership type of membership has ceased to be, apart from those members already on that type of membership.
- 8.3 European Area Autumn Conference
As Branch Delegate Steve Mullis reminded everyone that reservations to attend this event must be sent to him by the 31st July. Details and prices were published in last month's newsletter. To date he has

reservations from Derek Brown +2, Doug Heron + 1 & Marlene Elliott booked. A total of 9 out of a membership of nearly 100.

9. Other Notified Items: -

None.

10. Any Other Business: -

- 10.1 Derek Brown reported that he had been in contact with a Cabinet Maker who could supply a trophy cabinet, 2m wide x 1m high x 25cm deep at a cost of 450€. All committee members were agreed that this could be purchased subject to Derek discussing the issue with the Galaxy Bar owners.
- 10.2 Reg Haywood reported that he had received a letter from Sergeant Malcolm Goodman, Head of PR and Marketing for RAF Music Services, soliciting interest for a possible European Tour by one of the RAF Bands during 2005. Such a tour would be essentially a fund raising event for service charities; therefore although no actual charges would be incurred for the service of the Band, all food, accommodation and travel costs would have to be covered by the RAFA Branches sponsoring the event. To this end Sergeant Goodman suggested that Branches look to obtaining local corporate sponsorship, where a "meet and greet" reception could be included as part of the event for sponsors and guests to meet with the Director of Music and members of the band.
Initially all that was requested was notification that a Branch was interested in being included in the proposed tour. All committee members agreed that this was a good idea and would raise the profile of the Branch. The Secretary was asked to respond expressing our Branch's interest
- 10.3 Reg Haywood asked if any progress had been made on the availability of Branch pennants. Steve Mullis said that nothing was available from RAFATrad, but he would contact Louise Pullen again. Reg Haywood said he would contact the local RBL Branch, as it was believed they had obtained pennants locally.
- 10.4 Steve Mullis asked if he should order 2005 RAFA Diaries. It was agreed that he would order 50.

11. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 4th August at 20:00 in the Galaxy Bar

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.